

Real Skills for Youth

Partnership Profiles

2020 - 2021





Overview



In 2020-21, the Real Skills for Youth grants will support 19 strategic partnerships between industry and education to develop and implement year-round career readiness programming for youth, including paid summer work-based learning experiences.

Real Skills for Youth is centered around the goal of preparing youth for success in college and career through meaningful career exposure and exploration of potential career paths and their on-ramps, skill-building with an emphasis on essential and professional skills, and supported work-based learning experiences that allow participants to apply learning in a real-world setting.

Real Skills for Youth, a state-funded program, is part of Rhode Island's larger effort called Prepare Rhode Island (PrepareRI). PrepareRI aims to close the gap between what students learn in school and what they need for high-demand jobs and to ensure that historically underserved student populations have expanded access to quality career preparation opportunities in priority sector industries – through scaling out activities such as career exploration and work-based learning opportunities.



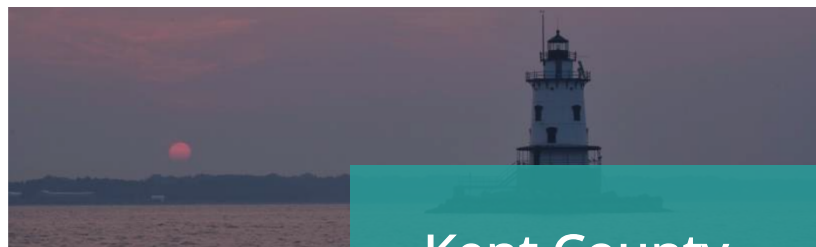
East Bay

EAST BAY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

The East Bay Real Skills for Youth partnership will serve in-school and out-of-school youth in the East Bay. Convened by East Bay Community Action Program, the partnership brings together the City of East Providence, East Providence Public Schools, City of Newport, Newport Public Schools, Newport County Boys & Girls Club, Working Cities Initiative, FAB Newport and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. The partnership will expose youth to careers in industries including but not limited to Culinary, Hospitality, Graphic Communications, Marketing, Forensic Science and Law Enforcement. Programming will allow youth to apply and develop their academic, technical and professional skills while realizing the relevance of their education and its connection to the real world. All placements will help prepare youth for college, long-term training and future careers.

RI MARINE TRADES ASSOCIATION (RIMTA)

RIMTA's Marine Trades Summer Work and Learn Program will serve youth ages 14-18 in the Newport County, Westerly, North Providence and Bristol area and provide a work-based learning and work-readiness curriculum that includes but is not limited to woodworking, tool handling, hull building and painting. Students will have a hands-on experience building a wooden boat from scratch (boat styles will vary according to instructor expertise and/or location relevance). Participants combine classroom studies in STEM with fieldwork experiences to build a wooden boat and explore marine physics and engineering concepts such as density, buoyancy and why boats float. Youth participants will focus on marine trades and composite industries.



Kent County

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

The Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP) Real Skills for Youth partnership will expose Cranston, Pawtucket, Providence, and Kent County-area youth ages 14 to 24 to high-quality career exploration, career readiness and work-based learning activities leading to employment. Eligible youth, both enrolled in and out of school, are exposed to careers including but not limited to the Architectural Drafting, IT & Manufacturing, Digital Media and Computer Science industries through summer work-based learning programs and year-round work readiness workshops. Convened by CCAP, the partnership brings together municipal, community, business, and industry partners to provide high-quality career exploration and readiness, and work-based learning activities guiding youth towards a successful career and college experience.



Kent County

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

The Tri-County Youth Center partnership will provide career exploration, job readiness, and work-based learning experiences to youth in the towns of Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield, Burrillville, Scituate, Glocester, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Charlestown, Richmond, Hopkinton, Exeter, West Greenwich, Westerly, and Narragansett. Convened by Tri-County Community Action Agency, the partnership brings together a variety of members including youth-serving organizations, industry representatives and employers, and training partners to provide youth with the information they need to identify long-term career goals and the skills necessary to achieve those goals.



Newport County

IYRS SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

The RI Mobile Maker Lab works throughout the state of RI to advance collaboration with schools & businesses by connecting student learning to real-world digital tool use and work experiences. The Mobile Maker Lab is a hands-on, mobile learning platform exposing students to technologies associated with 21st century manufacturing. Leveraging digital tools, students will engage in project-based learning that aligns with a variety of career opportunities. The RI Mobile Maker Lab partnership will deliver programming to students in partner schools across the state while focusing on giving students experience in the use of digital output tools.

NEWPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Newport Community School in collaboration with local schools and community partners, provide educational opportunities to complement classroom learning and support academic success, personal responsibility and economic self-sufficiency in a vibrant engaged community. The Newport Real Skills for Youth partnership will offer students out-of-school time enrichment programs and activities linked to career awareness & exploration providing participating students the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of jobs and careers, with a particular focus in the healthcare industry.



Northern Rhode Island

BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

The Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Real Skills for Youth Summer Program 2020 partnership will provide youth ages 14 to 24 living in Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, Cumberland or North Smithfield with internship opportunities focused on introducing them to professional skillsets. Convened by Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, the partnership brings together the Cities of Pawtucket and Central Falls, the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket and other community partners to provide activities covering comprehensive career exploration, resume development and interview skills, collaboration and teamwork, communication, critical thinking and problem solving, and professionalism.

COMMUNITY CARE ALLIANCE

The Northern RI Combined Partnership will serve youth in the Woonsocket area who will engage in career exploration activities and be exposed to a variety of industries including but not limited to marine trades, computer technology, communications, education and construction. Participants will build industry knowledge, further develop essential skills that are needed in the workplace and advance their education leading to a pathway of college or career.

CONNECTING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Real Skills Partnership for Woonsocket Youth will provide career exploration and job readiness programming to Woonsocket High School students during the academic year. Convened by Connecting for Children and Families, the partnership brings together the Real Jobs Partnership of Northern Rhode Island, the Woonsocket Education Department, and the Woonsocket High School in their individual and collective efforts to engage high school students, promote curiosity and confidence and lay the foundation for a stable and work-ready workforce of the future.

RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER

The Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner's Westerly Education Center will partner with Rhode Island College's new RIC HUB, a workforce development center in Central Falls, Central Falls High School, the Central Falls School District and Skills for Rhode Island's Future, to engage a cohort of high school students during a rigorous five-week summer work readiness program to become Tech Leaders trained to provide Information Technology (IT) support during the academic year to Central Falls High School and the Central Falls School District. RIOPC supports the work of the Board of Education and Council on Postsecondary education in providing an excellent, accessible and affordable system of higher education designed to improve the overall educational attainment of the citizens of Rhode Island, support economic development, and enrich the civic, social and cultural life of all living in the state of Rhode Island.



Providence

DOWNCITY DESIGN

The Summer Design Studio partnership will engage Providence teens in an intensive six-week work-based service-learning experience where youth participants will discover potential career pathways in Rhode Island's thriving Design, Construction, and Advanced Manufacturing industries. Participants will work with real-world clients who present our young designers with authentic challenges that can be addressed through design. Convened by DownCity Design, the partnership brings together design and construction industry partners including Gilbane Construction, Union Studio Architects, LLB Architects, and LOFT to provide mentorship and training to aspiring designers, makers and builders.

INSPIRING MINDS

The Inspiring Explorers partnership will expose youth of color and bilingual youth to careers in teaching and learning through a work-based experience, skill-based workshops, and mentoring. Convened by Inspiring Minds, the partnership brings together Rhode Island College and Providence Public Schools to expose youth to the myriad of career opportunities in the Public Education System.

FEDERAL HILL HOUSE

Federal Hill House (FHH) is a multi-service community-based organization that has been serving low-income, immigrant, and limited English-speaking individuals and families in the City of Providence since 1887. The Federal Hill House Real Skills for Youth partnership: Achieving Change Together will lead youth participants through a six-week service-learning program for middle school-youth focusing on community-wide issues and the importance of advocating for systemic change, specifically in education and public service.

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Providence Public Library's 'Technology Skills Pathway for Youth Partnership' partnership will serve youth ages 14 to 18 where students will be exposed to and work with data analysis and data visualizations through the Data Navigators 2.0 course. Through a combination of career exploration and work-based learning experiences, teens will work with local non-profit agencies to assist in the development of data systems and visualizations that help address internal, systemic needs. Youth participants will also be exposed to courses on programming and coding using HTML, CSS and Java Script and web development fundamentals.



Urban Core

AS220

The AS220 Youth: Preparing Youth for Creative Careers partnership will expose youth ages 14 to 21 from Providence, Cranston, Warwick, Pawtucket, Central Falls and cities throughout RI to professions in creative fields through trainings, creative service-learning projects and conversations with arts professionals. Convened by AS220, the partnership brings together Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, ZUMIX, Community Music Works, and Trinity Rep, as well as training and service learning provided by AS220 Youth. Participants will contribute to a multimedia play researched, written and produced by youth that will focus on challenge faced by their community of their choosing. Through the program, youth will attain career readiness skills needed to pursue a professional career in the arts.

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF PROVIDENCE

CAPP's 'Rhode to Careers in a Green and Healthy Food Systems' partnership, in collaboration with several community organizations including but not limited to the Pawtucket Housing Authority, City of Pawtucket-Planning Department & Redevelopment and the University of Rhode Island, will expose Pawtucket youth, ages 14-15 to a variety of food systems and industries with the goal of developing a deeper understanding of various career opportunities and work-force expectations. Youth participants will also understand how career and education pathways impact socioeconomics and the environment.

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Providence Public School Department partnership will create a framework that includes a crosswalk between the technical standards and academic standards to support the effective integration of college and career readiness content. This framework is useful for future opportunities to open more channels for work-based learning for community parts, non-profits, and industry partners. The Providence Public School Department will align work-based learning training programs to Common Core Standards to increase credit-bearing opportunities for students. PPSD will also promote authentic collaboration comprised of teams of project administrators, highly qualified subject matter educators, and business and industry partners.



Urban Core

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The Nurturing the Seed: A Rhode Island Food Systems Career Pathway partnership will introduce high school and post-high school young professionals in Providence, Pawtucket and Central Falls to foundational skills and career opportunities in the fields of Regenerative Agriculture, Environmental Stewardship, Culinary Arts and Nutrition Education through hands-on, work-based learning in farms, kitchens and neighborhoods throughout RI. Convened by Southside Community Land Trust, the partnership brings together Farm Fresh RI's Harvest Kitchen, Groundwork RI as well as local farming, culinary arts and nutrition education institutions to provide youth holistic exposure to the careers shaping the region's food system as well as the tactile job readiness skills necessary for student success in college and in a career.

YOUNG VOICES

The Unlimited Dreams 2.0 partnership will expose low-income, minority youth ages 14 to 18 from Pawtucket, Central Falls and Providence to careers in the industries of Construction, Hospitality Real Estate Development & Marketing. Convened by Young Voices, the partnership brings together the Procaccianti Company, JJ Cardosi Inc. and Environmental Strategies & Management to provide hands-on experiences and career pathways in high-wage, high-demand industries.